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SUBJECT: SIFRA PINEAPPLE PROJECT

1. DEL MONTE REQUESTED AF/W RELAY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER DLOUHY. QUOTE:

THIS ANSWERS DLOUHY TELEX ADDRESSED TO HAROLD CICERONE,
DEL MONTE CORPORATION, CONCERNING EXPANSION SIFRA PINEAPPLE
COMPANY LOCATED IN GUINEA.

DEL MONTE VERY INTERESTED BUT BEFORE IT IS POSSIBLE PRE-
PARE REALISTIC PROPOSAL BELIEVE ADVISABLE VISIT CONAKRY TO
LEARN MORE DETAILS FROM YOU AND SIFRA MANAGEMENT (MR.
BAKARY SAKHO, DIRECTOR GENERAL) AND/OR ANY OTHER GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AS SUGGESTED BY
DLOUHY AND SIFRA.

PROPOSE VISIT OF STANLEY BJONERUD EARLY AUGUST FOR
ABOUT THREE DAYS FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS AND TO ALSO VISIT
CANNERY, PLANTATION, FRESH PINEAPPLE PACKING FACILITIES
AS WELL AS LEARN LOGISTICS OF CARTON MANUFACTURERS, CAN
MANUFACTURERS, LABELS, PORT FACILITIES ETC.

BJONERUD HAS HAD 21 YEARS PINEAPPLE EXPERIENCE HAWAII,
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PHILIPPINES AND KENYA SO HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THIS

INITIAL INVESTIGATION.

WOULD APPRECIATE DLOUHY COMMENTS ON ABOVE PROPOSAL AND
CONFIRMATION THIS ACCEPTABLE TO SIFRA MANAGEMENT. WOULD
GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA OR SIFRA BE AGREEABLE TO PAYING FOR
AIR TICKET THIS TRIP.

JOHN L. ARGALL, VICE PRES-DIR INTL DEVELOP AND DIR INTL
PROD SVCS, DEL MONTE CORPORATION, SAN FRANCISCO, CA.
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